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Re: Docket No. 2009-0161 – Application of Hawaiian Beaches Water Company, Inc. for
Review and Approval of Rate Increases; and Revised Rate Schedules.

Dear Parties:

The attached e-mail comments from Kim Tafua concerning the above-referenced docket is
being forwarded to you pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-29(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ji Sook Kim".

Ji Sook Kim
Commission Counsel

JSK:ps

Attachment



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11/23/2009 01:33 AM

To consumeradvocate@dcca.hawaii.gov
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Subject Docket #2009-0161Concern of negotiation

Hi Catherine-

I am concerned about the agreement to negotiate with the Hawaiian Beaches Water Company per their lawyer, Michael Lau, in a letter dated November 2, 2009, in lieu of HBWC having to submit the IR's that you had requested. My biggest concern is that if the HBWC does not have to submit this information now, a settlement is negotiated and in 2 years when they want a reevaluation, it will be difficult to then request that information or type of information because they will say that a decision was made without it before in Docket #2009-0161 and expect an exception from having to provide that information in the future. I am also concerned that because they want to go the 'settlement route' that they either don't have the information in order that you are requesting or there is some other problem with the reveal of that information. Another concern I have is whether you, as the Hawaiian Beaches Community Consumer Advocate and the PUC will have all the information to truly reveal this company, its business practices, finances and appropriate projection of their future income and impact on the community without the IR's you made and the information that Marcey Chang requested and/or corrected in her direct testimony dated October 27, 2009.

Catherine, can you help me to understand why this is the best approach to reducing the cost and impact on the Hawaiian Beaches Community? Please understand that I/we are appreciative of your assistance in helping look out for the best interest of the community as well as the HBWC with this request for a rate increase in Docket #2009-0161. My concern is not only for the impact (monetarily) now, but what may happen in the future because of the decisions made during this request.

I want to thank you for returning my phone call. I'm sorry I missed it. I have tried to call you again on 2 different Fridays, when I was home on a 'Furlough Friday', but I am thinking that you must also be affected by these Furloughs as there was no answer or answering machine at your office number. I'll try to reach you again...not not a Friday. :)

Thank you for your assistance,

Kim Tafua